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Cambodia: Current Situation

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CAMBODIA

Fighting flared again at Kirirom yesterday as an estimated three Communist battalions drove a wedge through four Cambodian Army battalions stationed in the center of the resort town. The headquarters of the North Vietnamese 101D Regiment is located near Kirirom, and elements of this regiment, and possibly Cambodian Communists, are probably participating in this latest action. Cambodian commanders have called for air strikes, claiming that enemy strength was increasing, and government forces at Kirirom apparently are also running out of food.

Communist forces continue to exert pressure in Kompong Chhnang Province. Kompong Chhnang city was shelled the night of 20 July, and some enemy troops infiltrated into the southern part of the city before air strikes forced them to withdraw. Elsewhere, the enemy again attacked the government's main infantry training center at Romeas, southwest of Kompong Chhnang city, causing heavy damage. Government defenders suffered "many wounded" and were urgently requesting air support. Government reinforcements are moving to retake the outpost on the Tonle Sap that was overrun by the Communists on 19 July.

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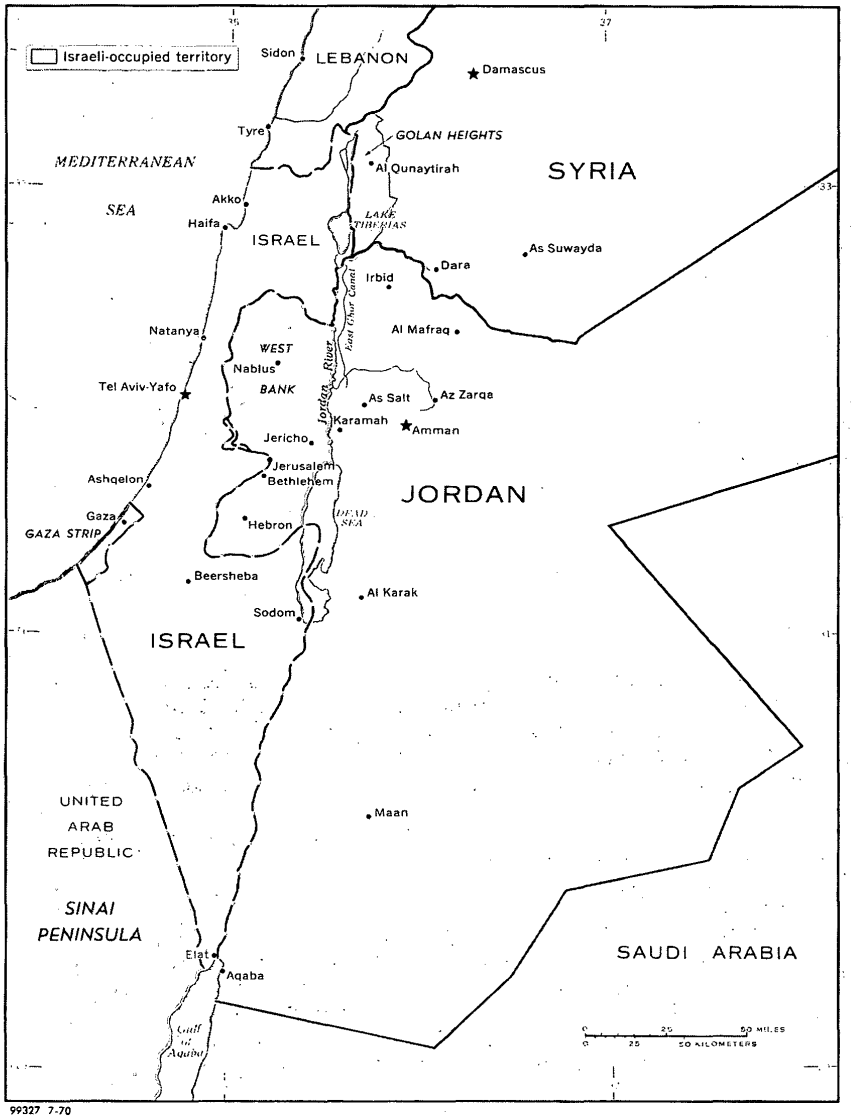

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UK - SOUTH AFRICA

London has reversed itself and announced on Monday that it will complete consultations with Commonwealth countries and South Africa before making a final decision on resuming arms sales to Pretoria. Foreign pressure, mainly from African countries, and concern over the continuing dock strike were probably the main reasons for the decision.

Prime Minister Heath will almost certainly wait until the House of Commons reconvenes in October to make a final announcement. By waiting, the government will avoid the necessity of dealing simultaneously with its domestic crisis and what would certainly have become a major diplomatic storm.

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